



## CITY OF TAUNTON PATHWAYS COMMITTEE

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RE: Taunton River Trail Easement

Dear Attorney de Abreu,

I write to you today on behalf of the Taunton Pathways Committee, pursuant to a motion that was made at our most recent regular meeting on Wednesday, April 3, 2019, to send a letter to the Law Department requesting that your office take over responsibility of acquiring the easement over 491 and 655 West Water St. in the area of the existing Cobb Brook easement. As a reminder, this easement is necessary to make the connection from the trailhead at Weir Village Riverfront Park to the main segment of the trail on the abandoned railroad bed adjacent to the aforementioned properties.

According to their property record cards on GIS, these two properties are supposedly owned by Baystate Industrial Properties, Inc. The mailing address listed on the property record cards is P.O. Box 660. Our first attempt at contact was through regular mail. After receiving no response, a second attempt at contact was made through certified mail. The letter was delivered and signed for at the Post Office, yet we once again received no response. Our third attempt was again through certified mail. This time, however, we sent the letter to 391 West Water St., as that is the address listed for the organization's registered agent in the Secretary of State's corporate database. The letter was undeliverable, and it was returned to us. More recently, emails have also been sent to One Way Recycling and Taunton Tire and Auto, the two tenants of the properties, and we are awaiting responses.

After these failed attempts to make contact with the owner of these properties, we write to you to formally request your leadership in obtaining this easement. In order for work on the trail to remain on track with our current timeline, we hope to have easements in place by this fall

(October). As a reminder, we are also relying on the Law Department to negotiate easements with TMLP and MassDOT for the remaining segments of the trail.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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